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REMARKS

Claims 1-10 are pending in the present Application. Claim 8 has been canceled, and Claims 1 and 10 have been amended, leaving Claims 1-7 and 9-10 for consideration upon entry of the present Amendment.

No new matter has been introduced by these amendments. Support for the amendments to Claims 1 and 10 can be found at least on pages 14, line 7 to page 16, line 16.

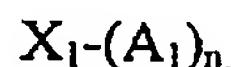
Reconsideration and allowance of the claims are respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

Claims 1-10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b), as allegedly anticipated by Hosokawa et al. (U.S. Pre Grant Publication 2002/0045061). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

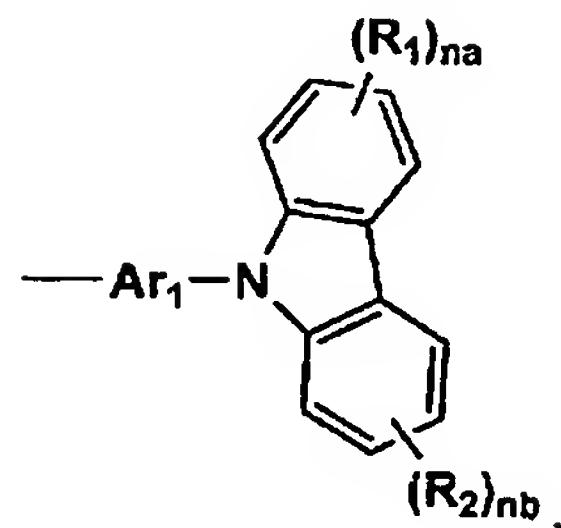
To anticipate a claim, a reference must disclose each and every element of the claim. *Lewmar Marine v. Varient Inc.*, 3 U.S.P.Q.2d 1766 (Fed. Cir. 1987).

Hosokawa fails to anticipate Applicants' independent claims since there is no disclosure of a host compound represented by Formula 1 below,



wherein X_1 represents a chemical bond; n represents an integer of 2; and A_1 represents a group represented by the following Formula 2 below, provided that plural A_1 's may be the same or different;

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wherein Ar_1 represents a substituted phenylene group; and R_1 and R_2 independently represent a hydrogen atom or a substituent; and na and nb independently represent an integer of from 1 to 4.

In view of the foregoing, the rejection is requested to be withdrawn.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

Claims 1-10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b), as allegedly anticipated by Thoms et al. (U.S. Pre Grant Publication 2003/0205696). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Thoms, like Hosokawa above, fails to disclose Applicants' claimed host compound. Accordingly, the rejection is requested to be withdrawn.

It is believed that the foregoing amendments and remarks fully comply with the Office Action and that the claims herein should now be allowable to Applicants. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance are requested.

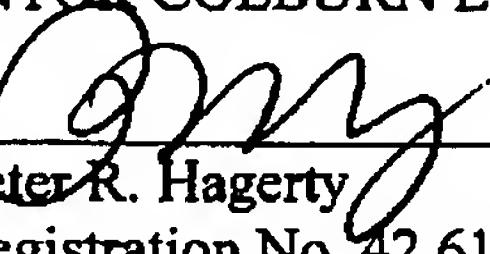
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If there are any additional charges with respect to this Amendment or otherwise, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 06-1130.

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